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Title: EXHAUST-GAS CLEANING UNIT WITH PARTICLE FILTER AND
NITROGEN OXYGEN STORE, AND OPERATING METHOD THEREFOR

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97 (b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits U.S. Patent & Trademarks Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above- referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

In accordance with Section 1.97(b) (3), it is believed that this Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with Section 1.97(e) (1), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained herein was cited for the first time in a communication from a

foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The references have been cited during prosecution of the corresponding French application. In accordance with the present invention, the nitrogen oxide store and the particle filter are concurrently regenerated at exhaust gas temperature of 400° to 700°C in such a way that in the combined sulfur regeneration of the nitrogen oxide store wherein sulfur is released and a soot regeneration of the particle filter is obtained under the control unit using a strategic sensor arrangement.

The references are diverse, but it is believed that claim 1 as presently on file defines a Diesel engine with an exhaust gas cleaning system which in an arrangement as it is not shown in, nor obvious from, the cited references.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Bach'.

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